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| U.S. Patent Documents |                  |              |         |          |
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| Exam. Initials        | Class/ Subclass. | Document No. | Date    | Name     |
| <i>dm</i>             | — —              | 3,194,266 A  | 07/1965 | Abbott   |
| <i>dm</i>             | 137/627.5        | 3,814,134 A  | 06/1974 | Vanti    |
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| Foreign Patent Documents |              |         |                                 |
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| Other Documents   |  |
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| Exam.<br>Initials | Description (Author, Title, Date, Pages, etc)  |
| <i>DM</i>         | International Search Report, January 22, 2003. |

The listed patents pertain in a general way to the subject matter of the application, but are not necessarily considered to be analogous prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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